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MILAN'S LEONARDO'S HORSE AWARD TO SOUTH KOREA

Los Angeles, California – *Late Spring*, Leonardo Da Vinci's Horse Best Film 2014, will be presented and awarded by Milan's Film Society on November 5th with Sandra Oh

2014 MIFF Leonardo's Horse Award for Best Film has been carried off by Korean film *Late Spring*. The movie will be screened and awarded with the Horse in LA at annual "MIFF Best" at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Westwood. The event will be held on November 5, with Golden Globe Sandra Oh coming to present the Leonardesque statuette.

"MIFF Awards is certainly not new to Korean film culture, many Korean films have participated over the years, but *Late Spring* is a real gem of art, speaking about art in any sense," says President/Founder of Leonardo Da Vinci Film Society Andrea Galante, "our association shares Independent values since its birth and I completely understand why Milan embraced this film."

Winner of three major awards including Best Film, *Late Spring* is a beautifully woven story set in post-war 1960s Korea, the film tells of a relationship between a renown, ill and depressed sculptor and a country bumpkin model selected by his dedicated wife as a muse to rekindle her husband's love of creating art.

The event will be attended by the main cast of the film, Yong-Woo Park, Seo-Hyung Kim and You-Young Lee, who will be traveling from Seoul for the event and notable celebrities and dignitaries including Consul General of Italy, Antonio Verde, Sofia Milos (*CSI*), Tomas Arana (*Gladiator*) as well as Golden Globe Award Sandra Oh who will hand out the Horse to film producer Jangjoong Shin.

Awarded in 2001 in Milan for her role as Jasmine in *Dancing at the Blue Iguana*, Sandra Oh was born to Korean parents in Ottawa suburbs, Canada, and began her career as a ballet dancer and drama student at the National Theatre School in Montreal. Her long list of Awards, include a SAG Award and a Golden Globe. In 2003, she married writer-director Alexander Payne and their first film together was the Oscar-winning *Sideways* (2004), and she's been on the main cast of TV series *Grey's Anatomy* for the last 10 years.

MIFF Best is closed to the public and strictly invitation only. To participate as a Media/Press contact Anna Kim +1 323 6403654, <u>akim@miff.it</u> / Diana Canzi +1 626 3754452 <u>diana@miff.it</u>

MIFF Awards is a revolutionary format specially created to enhance and support international talent of independent cinema, and symbolized by the prestigious Leonardo's Horse. Celebrating it's Fourteenth anniversary in LA this year, the MIFF Awards takes place in Milan in May of each year, with the winning filmmakers celebrated in Los Angeles every November, hosted by the Italian Cultural Institute.



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